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SUBJ: UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA CAMPUSES REOPEN

REF: COLOMBO 1480

1. UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA CAMPUSES REOPENED ON APRIL 24, UNDER TIGHT SECURITY MEASURES REPORTEDLY WITHOUT INCIDENT. GOVERNMENT AND PRESS PRAISED STUDENTS FOR ORDERLY RETURN TO CAMPUSES.
2. PROBABLY WELL OVER 90 PERCENT OF UNIVERSITY STUDENTS RETURNED TO STUDIES. HOWEVER, THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS OF SOME STUDENTS AT COLOMBO AND KATUBEDDA CAMPUSES STAGING A ONE-DAY TOKEN BOYCOTT OF CLASSES ON APRIL 24. A LECTURER AT VIDYALANKARA CAMPUS EXPECTS AT LEAST A TOKEN STRIKE THERE BY LEFTIST STUDENTS. THE ISSUE IS REINSTATEMENT OF 38 VIDYALANKARA STUDENTS WHO WERE SUSPENDED DURING EARLY APRIL CAMPUS UNREST. LEFTISTS CALIM THAT THEIR STUDENT LEADERS WERE SUSPENDED, BUT UNP STUDENT LEADERS WERE NOT.

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3. COMMENT.  
MOST STUDENTS ARE PROBABLY ANXIOUS AND ARE UNDER PARENTAL PRESSURE TO GET BACK TO WORK AND COMPLETE FINAL TERM OF SCHOOL YEAR. THEY HAVE AN INVESTMENT OF TIME, MONEY, AND HOPE WRAPPED UP IN THEIR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION. EXCEPT FOR THE EXTREME RADICALS, FEW OF THEM ARE GOING TO WANT TO JEOPARDIZE THEIR PROSPECTS OVER RELATIVELY MINOR ISSUES OR IDEOLOGICAL DIS-

PUTES. BARRING A SERIOUS MISTAKE BY THE GOVERNMENT OR UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATIONS, STUDENTS PROBABLY WILL STICK TO THEIR BOOKS FOR AWHILE.  
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